



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## APG Spouses Club to make Gold Star Flags

- The Aberdeen Proving Ground Military and Civilian Spouses Club are making Gold Star Flags to be presented to families of fallen service members.
- The tradition of the Service Flag began during World War I when mothers and spouses of service members made flags to be shown by the homes of proud families. Blue stars, set in a white field and bordered in red, represented each family member serving in the military. When family members perished while serving the country, a gold star replaced the blue one, serving as a reminder of the family's sacrifice for the nation.
- The club members will be preparing the flags at the Aberdeen Area Chapel on Wednesday, Feb. 11, beginning at 9 a.m.
- Media representatives are invited to visit the flag-making operation.
- Any media representatives attending must schedule the visit with the Public Affairs Office and be escorted while on the installation. Media representatives will be required to have a photo identification card or driver's license. Operators of motor vehicles should make certain their driver's license and motor vehicle registration are in their possession. This requirement cannot be waived.
- To receive additional information or to attend the flag-making operation contact the Aberdeen Proving Ground Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1153 or 1147.